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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD  
STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

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Property Address:	<b>1419 V Street, NW</b>	Agenda
Landmark/District:	<b>U Street Historic District</b>	<b>X</b> Consent Calendar
		<b>X</b> Concept Review
Meeting Date:	<b>November 17, 2011</b>	Alteration
H.P.A. Number:	<b>11-526</b>	<b>X</b> New Construction
Staff Reviewer:	<b>Steve Callcott</b>	Demolition
		Subdivision

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Architect Ron Schneck (Square 134 Architects), on behalf of St. Augustine Catholic Church, seeks conceptual review for construction of a two classroom building in the U Street Historic District. The site, currently used as a parking lot, is located at the east end of St. Augustine's property on V Street, abutting the north-south alley that serves the commercial buildings fronting 14<sup>th</sup> Street. The new building would be located at the rear of the lot, retaining the surface parking lot in front; a low brick wall separating the parking lot from the building would partially shield the building from street view.

The 4,500 square foot building would house classrooms and a teaching lab. The building would be contemporary in character, but use two colors of brick to relate to the predominate building material on the St. Augustine campus and within the neighborhood. The design breaks the mass of the building down into two primary block forms, each in scale with traditional alley buildings found in the neighborhood.

As the project continues to be developed, the HPO would encourage further development of the landscape. The public space that abuts the V Street sidewalk in particular could benefit from a reduction of paving and introduction of plantings to screen the parking lot from public view.

The HPO recommends approval of the concept as consistent with the purposes of the preservation act and delegation of final approval to staff.